

### **Summary of the Invention**

The invention relates to a device for data storing with a compression coding and/or decoding device for the storing of picture data in a compressed or decompressed data format in a data memory. The compression coding and decoding device is adapted to mark or label and subsequently specific retrieve picture segments. This permits individual compression or decompression of labelled picture segments. In a method of storing picture data in a compressed or decompressed data format in a data storing memory, the picture data are divided into data segments. The location information of the data segments is stored. The method and device is preferably used in traffic monitoring installations. The picture data are camera data of a digital camera taking pictures of a traffic situation and a violating vehicle, when traffic regulations are violated such as by speeding. The device and method of the invention permits, for example, to decompress individually the picture segment showing the license plate of a violating vehicle.